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Parkside Elementary School

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Mark Your Calendar

December Calendar

- 4...Basketball: Rockcreek @ Parkside
- 7...Basketball: Schmitt @ Parkside
- 11...Basketball: Parkside @Smith
- 12..Math Bowl Call out after school until 4
- 16...Winter Band Concert @ North High School 7:30
- 18...PTO meeting @1:30
- 20...Last Day of school-first semester
- Dec. 23-Jan 5 No School-Winter Break
- Jan 6, 2020...Students return to school



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Newsletter

Did you receive a paper copy of the newsletter and would like to receive it via email? Please contact the office at egersoldk@bcsc.k12.in.us. Did you received more than one paper copy? Please let us know so in the future we will only send one home per family. This helps our school save paper and be more environmentally friendly.

Notes from the office:

Make Up Days

Due to the cancellation of school on November 12 and November 19 we will have school on Monday, March 9th and Tuesday, March 10th. Please mark your calendars now and be aware that if we have any more cancellations we will make up those days on March 11th, 12th and 13th. **The only guaranteed week of Spring Break is March 16 through 20.**

Notification of School Cancellation

In order to communicate with parents, guardians, students, staff, and community members, BCSC has an e-Alert system that will send text alerts and emails. If you would like to receive a text or email when school is cancelled, you must register with the BCSC E-alert system. You may visit the Parkside website or the BCSC district page. Look on the right of either page to find E-Alert Subscriptions. Click there and follow the directions. You may also go to www.bcsc.k12.in.us/E-AlertRegistration. Closings and delays will also be announced on local radio stations as well as TV stations.

Lost and Found

If your student has lost a coat, jacket, or other items, please have them check the lost and found that is located in the totes by the cafeteria. Each day, more and more items are being left and there are many items that students are not taking home. Items that are left at school will be donated at the end of December.

Outdoor Recess

Be sure to dress your child for the weather. It is cold outside and outdoor recess is so much more fun when dressed for the weather. Students will go outside for recess unless the temperature is below 20 degrees.

Winter Break

The last day of school before Winter Break will be Friday, December 20. School will be closed December 23 until January 5. Students should report to school on Monday, January 6.

Spirit Table

Support your Parkside Pirates! Purchase spirit items or get your face painted during your recess in the cafeteria.

The Spirit Table is open when we have a home basketball game. Prices start at \$.25 up to \$2.00. There is a home game on December 4 and January 8. Go Pirates!!



Too sick for school?

If your child has the following symptoms, **THEY SHOULD NOT BE AT SCHOOL.**

FEVER: temperature of 100 degrees or more

No return until temperature under 100 degrees without medicine for at least 24 hours

VOMITTING: vomiting in last 24 hours

DIARRHEA: two or more episodes of diarrhea in the last 24 hours

EYES: thick mucus or pus draining from the eye or pink eye (conjunctivitis)

No return until 24 hours after beginning antibiotic eye drops

HEAD LICE: may not return to school until they have been treated and seen by the nurse.

Bus transportation will be denied until recheck and cleared by school nurse.

SKIN: unknown rashes or skin lesions (open sores)

Note from STEM Lab

STEM lab is looking for volunteer parents to assist with classroom activities. Please contact Mrs. Hermann, hermannq@bcsc.k12.in.us (K-3 afternoons) or Mrs. Lowe lowet@bcsc.k12.in.us (K, 4-6 mornings) if you are interested.

Exciting news! In partnership with Cummins, our school will challenge students to complete hands-on science projects. Your child will use the Curiosity Machine platform to plan, build, redesign and receive mentorship from Cummins mentors on their ideas.

We need your help in making this amazing opportunity successful by donating some of the following household items:

→ Paper towel & toilet paper rolls	→ Scotch tape	→ Popsicle sticks
→ Wrapping paper rolls	→ Duct tape	→ 3x5 Index cards
→ Cardboard shoe boxes	→ Masking tape	→ Pipe cleaners
→ Kleenex boxes	→ Packaging tape	→ Dixie cups - 3 oz. paper
→ Misc. cardboard	→ Manila file folders	→ Pony beads
→ 2 liter bottles	→ Ribbon/yarn/string	→ Pencils
→ Plastic water bottles	→ Cardstock	→ 18 oz clear plastic cups
→ Pringles cans	→ Straws (straight & bendable)	→ 18 oz red plastic cups
→ Foam Board	→ Paper plates	→ Hot glue guns
→ Bubble Wrap	→ 8 oz. styrofoam cups	→ Tacky/Craft glue
→ Plastic bottle lids	→ Crayons	→ Plastic spoons
→ Egg cartons (foam & paper)	→ Markers	→ Black Sharpie Markers
→ Coffee Cans	→ Colored Pencils	→ Clipboards
→ Popcorn or Cookie Tins	→ Glue Sticks	→ Construction paper
→ Oatmeal Containers	→ AAA batteries	→ Styrofoam
	→ Plastic totes (any size)	

If you have additional items you would like to donate, please send them in with your child or drop items off in the front office.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hermann at hermannng@bcsc.k12.in.us or Mrs Lowe at lowet@bcsc.k12.in.us.

Opportunities to Give:



The Giving Tree: Bring New mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for children. Bring items to the main lobby through Friday, December 13th.

Coat Distribution : If your child is in need of a coat please contact Mrs. Fisher to set up a time to come in. You may contact her via the remind app, email her at fisherc@bcsc.k12.in.us or call her at 812-376-4314.

Treasure Bucks Store: The Parkside Treasure Bucks Store is in need of some bigger gently used toys. Our little pirates are working hard to follow the Pirate's Code and earn those Treasure Bucks! Please bring donations to the office by Tuesday, December 17th. The Treasure Bucks Store will be Wednesday, December 18th.

Spellbowl

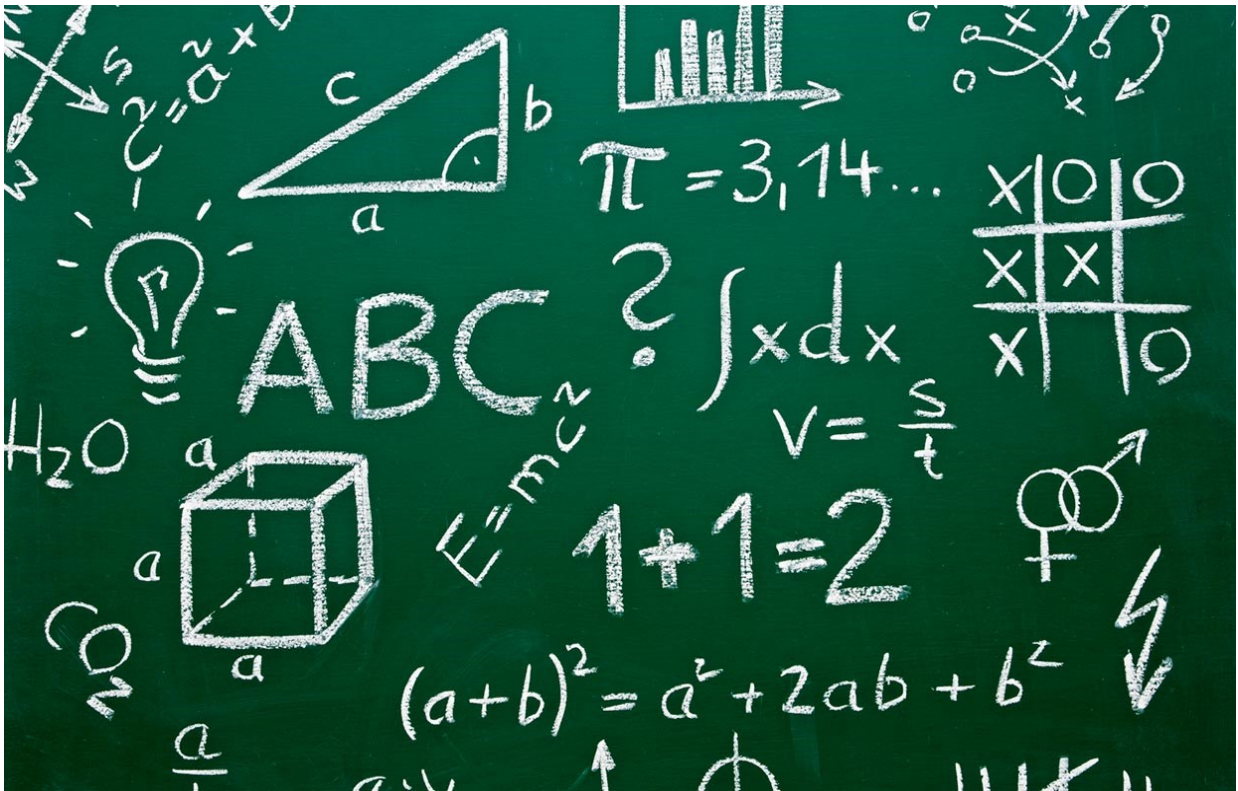
Congratulations to the 2019 Spell Bowl Team! Students competed in the regional competition on Monday, Nov 18th at Southside. Each speller had a PERFECT round, resulting in a PERFECT score of 56 points for the Parkside team. This score earned us 1st place in the regional and tied us as Champions for the entire state of Indiana (about 900 teams completed!) Great job to the following students for persevering and work hard! They were certainly goal oriented and motivated! Students are the team: Nino Akhalaya, Advait Aras, Kiara Athaide, Aayush Das*, Lauren Degner*, Wyatt DeHart*, Domitille Delfosse*, Harshil Gandhi*, Nitya Gargg*, Lily Guo*, Sanjeet Mane*, Adyasha Panda. If you are interested in joining the team next year, be on the look out for the spelling list to be sent home the last day of school. We will announce the call out in August!

Lego: The Arrr-chitects

Congratulations to the Parkside Arrr-chitect First Lego Robotics team for earning 4th place during the regional competition held at FFY on Saturday, November 16th. 21 area teams competed in 4 categories: Robot Design, Innovation Project, Core Values, and Robot Games. The Arrr-chitects were THRILLED to take home second place out of the 21 teams for Core Values. They worked together to demonstrate their skills in an instant challenge activity to show off the core values that they have learned throughout the Lego season. These values include discovery, impact, effectiveness, efficiency, inclusion, respect, and cooperation.

The team will travel to Evansville for the South-Central Indiana Regional Competition at the University of Southern Indiana on December 14th. Best wishes for continued improvement and success Arrr-chitects! The following students were on this year's team: Advait Aras, Graham Wheeler, Harshil Gandhi, Arya Kallurwar, Shashwat Sabapathy, Edward Simpson, Soham Gugale, Arsema Tewelde and David Simpson.





Math Bowl:

Calling all MATHLETES! Students in grades 4,5,6 are welcome to stay after school to learn more about MATH BOWL on Thursday, December 12th. Students should go to Mrs. Logston's Classroom (Look for the mustache) with a pencil, folder, and calculator. They will take a basic skills assessment to help me find the best placement. I can include 20 members on the roster, but am always excited for younger students to come and learn skills even if they are not able to stay on the official team. This year students will compete by doing problems associated with Data Analysis, Statistics and Probability. Other skills will be introduced as well. We spend a lot of time working on mental math skills as well as logic. **If interested, please meet in Mrs. Logston's room after school on December 12th. Parents should pick students up by 4:00.**

Grade Level News

Third Grade

Miss Bodkins:
Nate Booth
Evan Kresovsky
Lily Otte

**STUDENT
SPOTLIGHT** 



Choir:

Choir will begin January 14th! Are you interested in being a part of Choir? Please come and join us at 7:30a.m. Rehearsals will be Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 a.m.

Grade Level News

Edwards - Pre-K- Nocturnal Animals

Edwards Pre-K has been learning about Nocturnal Animals. Mrs. Polyak brought in a taxidermy Owl and owl pellets. We also learned about bats. Our next nocturnal animal will be the raccoon.



Morlok - Pre-K Trunk-or-Treat

We had a great time at Parkside's Trunk or Treat. Our students helped make lollipops for our Candyland theme and then took them home when they came that evening. Mrs. Morlok even had a twin candy princess come to visit!





You are invited to our
next PTO Meeting:
Wednesday December
18th at 1:30pm

PTO Meetings Are For Everyone!

Interested in learning what the PTO does or want to become more involved? Come to our meeting on December 18th at 1:30pm or contact Kelli Adams at kelli.adams@gmail.com

Our Generous Walkathon Sponsors

Platinum

- * Becky's Flowers
- * Elwood Staffing
- * Northside Pediatrics – Dr. Iorio
- * Berkshire Realty, Andy Spurling
- * Indianapolis Motor Speedway
- * Texas Roadhouse

Silver

- * Columbus Parks and Recreation
- * Zoo'Opolis Exotic Petting World
- * P2 Endurance Training

Bronze

- * Chuck E Cheese

Contributing:

- * Culligan Water
- * Kroger
- * Family of Sree Veeranachaneni
- * Family of Alexander Alatriz Gudino
- * Donut Central
- * Simply Pottery
- * Family of Rukaya Aljoaba
- * Family of Siu Lee

Holiday Banners/

Teacher Gifts



Would you like to get your child's teacher a gift this holiday, but have no idea what to get? Looking for something that you know will get used in the classroom?

Parkside PTO and your teachers make it easy this time of year! Each classroom, including related arts (music, PE, art, library, STEM), special areas, and the office will soon have holiday banners hanging. Think of it as a teacher/classroom wish list. Each teacher fills out paper ornaments with items that will be utilized in the classroom. Items and ideas cost anywhere from a couple dollars and up. If you are in the school, feel free to pick an ornament off of a teacher/classroom banner. If you will not be in the school, you may send a note in with your child asking the teacher to help pick out an appropriate ornament to fit your budget. If you have any questions, or need other assistance, please contact Kelli Adams at kelli.adams@gmail.com.

Parkside Bonus Programs

BOX TOPS

HOW IT WORKS



BUY

BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

Look for the logo. You can find it on hundreds of products you know and love.



SCAN

YOUR RECEIPT

No more clipping. Tap the scan button and snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



EARN

CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

It's that easy! Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

Box Tops have gone digital! If you have not already, create an account at www.btfе.com and download the app on your iPhone or Android today. Start scanning receipts when you purchase participating items. **Look for the new logo and scan your receipt, but if you see an old Box Top, clip it and send it in!**

New Logo:



Old Box Tops:



If you are unable to scan your receipts, please consider sending them into the school with a note to get them to the Bonus Programs coordinator ASAP. I could scan them on your behalf.

If you have any privacy concerns related to scanning your receipts into the app, please know the only information they need are the items purchased, the store, and the date. You can mark out any credit card information.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS



To date, **Parkside has about 121 families currently enrolled** and contributing money to Parkside when they shop at Kroger. This is an easy way to contribute to your school and all you have to do is shop for your regular items! Let's work together to get that number up to 200!

I have included a link to enroll your Kroger card here: <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/>

COKE GIVES



If you or someone you know (family/work) drink Coke products, consider saving the caps and turning them into the school. Caps and codes found on select products can earn money for the school. The amount varies depending on what is purchased. See this link for information on the program and the participating products: www.us.coca-cola.com/give



Bull Dog PANTRY

WHAT IS THE PANTRY?

The Bull Dog Pantry is open to all BCSC students and families. We provide food and health essentials at no cost to those who visit.

WHEN CAN I VISIT THE PANTRY?

The Pantry opens at 3:30 but is open at 3:00 to CNHS students. We are open on set Fridays throughout the school year. Please visit our website to see which dates the Pantry is open.

HOW CAN I GET ITEMS WITHOUT MY FRIENDS KNOWING?

We understand that confidentiality is key when visiting the Bull Dog Pantry. If you prefer to visit the Pantry privately, contact Mrs. Crusert to make arrangements. crusert@bcsc.k12.in.us

WWW.BULLDOGPANTRY.COM



Bull Dog PANTRY

DISTRIBUTION DATES

August 23
September 6
September 20
October 4
October 18
November 1
November 15
December 6
December 20
January 10
January 24
February 7
March 6
April 3
April 17
May 1
May 15

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Saturdays on Stage: Acting & Improv Classes

Grades K-3: 9:00-12:00 Grades 4-12: 1:00-4:00

\$25 per class

Location: Parkside Elementary- Harrison Room

Open to all students!

November 23rd

December 7th December 14th December 21st

Saturdays on Stage will focus on the basics of acting and improv. Lots of games, scenes, and creating content are the goals of each class. Come and have some fun learning and performing!

About the Instructor

Pete is a Hope native and has been a teacher since 1997. He taught at Hope Elementary for 19 years and recently joined the faculty at Mt. Healthy as the music teacher where he is developing a performing arts program (BCSF 2019 Fall Grant Recipient). Since 2008, he has worked with various theatre groups (Mill Race Theatre Company, Jackson County Community Theatre, Jennings County Players, Actors Community Theatre of Seymour). In 2013, he started Actors' Studio of Hope. A veteran of over 50 plays, Pete has also studied improv, acting, and writing at Second City (Chicago), The Groundlings (Los Angeles), and Art of Acting Studio (Los Angeles).



Registration

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812-342-2463 ext. 6025

Please inform which day or day(s).

There is a limit of 40 students per class.

WHAT WE DO

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BCSCC?

通訳が必要ですか?
需要翻译吗?

Our multi-lingual Parent

Engagement Team members are here to better the communication between parents, teachers and students. They work as translators, give students language and academic assistance, interpret and facilitate meetings and more.



Cultural
Learning
Center

growing minds

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ESTU DIANTES, PADRES Y MIEMBROS DEL PERSONAL.
ESTAMOS FELICES DE PODER AYUDAR!

Parent Engagement Interpreters